ter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether President Yeltsin of Russia has made a formal call that India should sign the Missile Technology Control Regime and that India should intensify her explanation to the world that its missile programme is for peaceful purposes; and

(b) whether it signifies a departure from the previous stance of commitment for supply of cryogenic missile technology to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir. President Yeltsin had suggested that a clear statement by both India and Russia on their readiness to join the Missile Technology Control Regime as full members would invoke a positive response in the world. India's principled stand, that till such time as arrangements such as the MTCR and NPT are discriminatory, ad hoc and do not take into account legitimate developmental concerns; they would not be acceptable to the people and Parliament of India, has been reiterated to the Russian side.

(b) The Russian Government has invoked the Force Majeure Clause of the ISRO-Glavkosmos Contract of January 1991 in respect of the transfer of technology and production equipment aspects of the Contract. This has been done as a result of the decision of the Russian Government regarding improvement of control of exports from Russia of materials, equipment and technology used for making rocket engines. Discussions on this are to be held with the Russian side.

India's Warning to Pakistan on Support to Terrorism

1080. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India warned Pakistan recently to stop its active and sustained support to terrorism and subversion directed against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is reaction of Pakistan thereto;

(d) whether India also propose to take up this issue in U.N.O. and other international fora; and

(e) if so, the strategy evolves for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Government have, on several occasions in the recent past and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India. Regrettably, despite Pakistani assurances, this support continues.

(d) and (e) Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the support being extended by Pakistan to subversion and terrorism directed against India and dangers inherent in support to such cross-border terrorism. There is growing international concern at the support terrorists receive from Pakistan.

Setting up of Consular Offices in Bangalore

1081. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore has attracted many hightec industries of multinational companies and therefore Karnataka Government has appealed for setting up of Consular Offices of some of the developed countries; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for early setting up of Consular Offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In keeping with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963, establishment of consular relations between two states take place by mutual consent. It is for the foreign Government concerned, desirous of opening a Consular Post/Office, to convey their intentions to the receiving state through diplomatic channels. While examining such requests, the principle of reciprocity is normally observed.

Recently the Government has received a request for opening an honorary Consular Office in Bangalore. The proposal is under consideration.

Fake Passport and Visa

1082. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether major airline offices have